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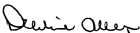
In re Application of:	§	
MCDANIEL ET AL.	§	Group Art Unit: 3676
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Serial No.: 10/824,024	§	Confirmation No.: 5994
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Filed: APRIL 14, 2004	§	Examiner: FULLER, ROBERT EDWARD
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Title: "METHODS OF WELL STIMULATION DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS"	§	Atty. Docket No: 2003-IP-012882U1
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 19, 2008 (the “Final Office Action”) and the Advisory Action mailed on June 9, 2008 (the “Advisory Action”), Applicants respectfully request consideration in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.